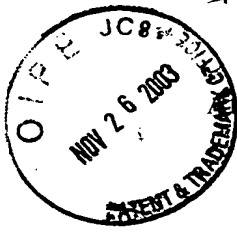


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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